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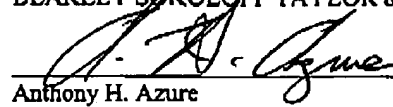
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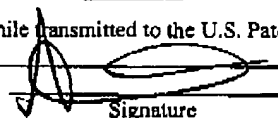
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In response to the Office Action mailed September 13, 2005, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the following amendments and to consider the following remarks.

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